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## Revisiting Cass, W.Va.

Drinko Fellow gives presentation about old timbering town

by STEFANIE FRALEY  
reporter

Dr. Robert P. Alexander, distinguished professor of management and marketing and Drinko Fellow, presented a lecture Wednesday as part of the John Deaver Drinko Symposium.

The academic celebration continues today at 9 a.m. with the unveiling of the portrait of former Marshall president, J. Wade Gilley, and his wife, Nan, in the Drinko library; the Elizabeth Drinko Honors Convocation in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse at 11 a.m.; and the dedication of Ashland, Inc. Commons between the Drinko Library and Memorial Student Center at 2 p.m.

Alexander's lecture, "Timber: The Times and The Life at Cass, WV," was based on his interest in the town's history.

In 1959, Alexander was an administrator for Marshall, when he was sent on a recruiting trip to the eastern panhandle. While traveling, Alexander visited the town of Cass.

Cass, located in Pocahontas County, is an old logging town that once was dominated by the timber industry. The area became the home of the West Virginia Paper and Pulp Company and had continued success until 1940 when the industry declined.

In 1951, the West Virginia

Paper and Pulp Company was sold and in 1960, the United States government bought the rest of the timber land. The town struggled economically after the fall of the timber industry and the history of the workers was forgotten, Alexander said.

"I found this logging town of yesteryear," Alexander said. "Each year I continued to visit the town on high school visits, and each year I became more interested in Cass."

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## Final faculty meeting today

by KRISTA CRAWFORD  
staff reporter

The spring general faculty meeting will begin at 4 p.m. today in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse in the Fine and Performing Arts Center.

The final general faculty meeting of the year will include a nomination for one faculty member to serve as the Huntington campus representative to the Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF).

The current representative is Dr. Ben Miller, professor of music. Beverly Farrow, assistant professor of counseling, is the representative for the Marshall University Graduate College.

"We are the voice of our institution for the faculty within the institution," Farrow said.

She said in addition to attending many meetings, representatives to the ACF represent faculty and their concerns to the University System of

West Virginia Board of Trustees and monitor legislation that may have an impact on faculty.

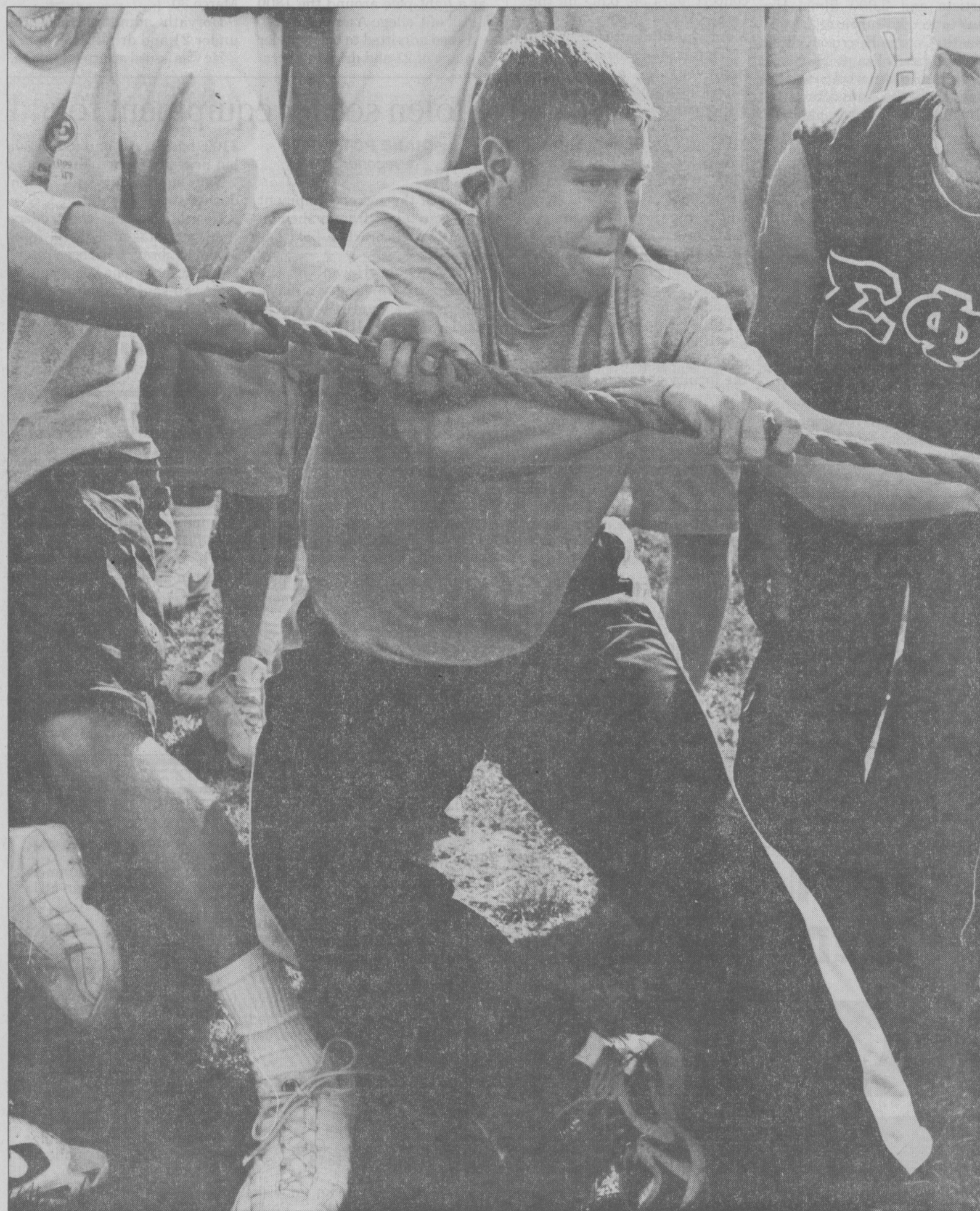
Eight West Virginia institutions of higher learning have representatives in the ACF.

The Huntington representative will be nominated at the meeting. Charleston's representative will be chosen on the South Charleston Campus. The term is for two years and will begin in July.

The meeting will include remarks from President Dan Angel and the remembering of Giovanna Morton, associate dean of the school of nursing, who recently passed away.

Recognition also will be given to 16 retiring faculty members and A. Michael Perry, interim president from August 1999 to December 1999. The Distinguished Service Award and Distinguished Artists and Scholars Awards also will be given.

A reception honoring retiring faculty will follow the meeting.



Mark Cline, a Huntington freshman and member of Sigma Phi Epsilon, gave his best effort in the tug-of-war Saturday during the Greek Games at Walter "Lefty" Rollins Track. Greek Week continues today with the biathlon that will start at 3:30 p.m. at the pool in Gullickson Hall. The basketball games will start at 5:30 p.m. at the courts near Twin Towers East.

photo by Amy Shultz

## Budget takes toll on fitness center

by CARA D. COOPER  
reporter

A limited budget is being blamed for the lack of repairs on equipment in the Gullickson Hall Fitness Center, Assistant Director of Intramurals Sharon Stanton said.

"We can only do a little bit at a time," she said. "We just don't have the luxury to replace treadmills that cost between \$5,000 and \$7,000."

The air conditioning also is not working yet. Tony Crislip, manager of mechanical and technical trade for the physical plant, said a part needed for repair will arrive in three to four weeks.

Student activity fees make up most of the center's budget with a smaller contribution coming from faculty and staff fees, Steve Hensley, associate dean of student affairs, said.

Students pay a fee just less

than \$4 for the fitness center budget. It is used for equipment maintenance, custodial care and payroll, with about 40 percent going to payroll, Hensley said.

There are no student fee increases planned. However, Hensley said restructuring of fitness center management is being considered to allow more money for maintenance.

"The problem is mainly on the high traffic electrical equipment that almost everyone uses," he said.

Nothing official has been approved and there will be no cuts in staff, Hensley said.

Julie McCallister, Huntington sophomore, said she has used the center in the past and would not mind a small increase in fees.

"If it would improve the fitness center, it wouldn't bother me," she said. "Just as long as it's not a major increase. One or two dollars would be OK."

## Plaza to be renamed 'Ashland Commons'

The university's central plaza will be renamed today as part of the Celebration of Academics and Drinko Honors Convocation.

The plaza will be named "Ashland Commons" during a ceremony at 2 p.m. on the plaza.

Ashland Inc. donated \$100,000 to redesign the plaza, according to a media release from the Office of University Relations.

Paul Chellgren, Ashland Inc. CEO, will be the featured speaker.

President Dan Angel said the newly remodeled plaza creates a better learning environment for students. "One of our goals is to help students succeed and a beautiful campus is a major part of reaching that goal, and I would like to thank Ashland Inc. for its generosity."

## An opportunity to learn from the masters: Musicians to visit Marshall for Day of Percussion

by CHARLENE L. CORNELL  
reporter

You may not know their names, but chances are you've heard their music.

Three renowned percussionists will visit Marshall Saturday for the Percussive Arts Society's (PAS) second annual Day of Percussion.

The all-day event is open to the community. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The day features clinics and demonstrations given by the musicians in the Jomie Jazz Center in the

Fine and Performing Arts Center.

Dr. Ben Miller, professor of music, said the day will allow percussionists to learn from masters.

"It gives them an opportunity to interact with other percussionists," he said. "We have four very fine clinicians who are going to be giving presentations in four different areas of percussion. Some of these areas might be new and unique, particularly to public

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Percussionists (from left) Emil Richards, Jerry Steinholtz and Joe Porcaro will visit Marshall Saturday. The three will be teaching clinics and playing in a concert.



# Larsson to speak on Christian-Jewish relations

by KIMBERLY BAGBY  
reporter

The Rev. Dr. Goran Larsson, a world-renowned scholar on the Holocaust, is to speak on "Christian-Jewish Relations: Obstacles and Opportunities" at 7 p.m. today at the B'nai Shalom Congregation in Huntington.

"There's always opportunity to learn more about each other," said Dr. Lynne Mayer, assistant vice president of alumni development at Marshall. "This will be just a very interesting evening." Larsson will talk about recognizing wrongs in the past and setting the record straight, Mayer said.

The scholar will meet with three classes at Marshall as part of his visit to Huntington. Larsson will visit a class, "Jewish Holocaust," (RST 281)

at 11 a.m. today, and two more classes, "Introduction to Religion in the Modern World," (RST 205) at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Friday.

Larsson is director of studies and research at the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies and Research in San Diego, Calif., and is an ordained minister of the Lutheran Church of Sweden.

Larsson "has received international recognition for encouraging greater understanding and respect between Christians and Jews and combating anti-Jewish aspects of traditional Christian theology," according to a news release from Mayer.

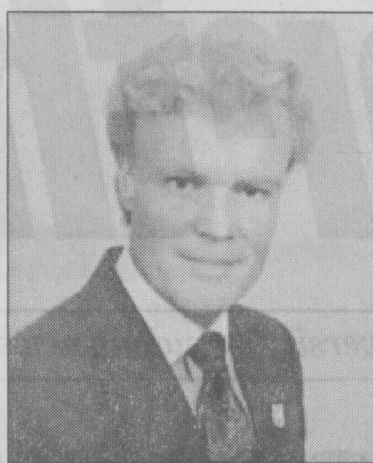
He is a visiting scholar at the University of California in San Diego and is an honorary member of the West Virginia Holocaust Education Commission, an organization created by Gov. Cecil Underwood to

teach about the Holocaust.

Larsson earned a doctorate in Old Testament interpretation from the University of Lund, Sweden, in 1980 and was a recipient of the 1990 Raoul Wallenberg Humanitarian Award, given for his "dedication to encouraging greater understanding and respect between Christians and Jews," according to a flyer from Mayer.

His local visit is sponsored by the Federated Jewish Charities of Huntington, which raises funds for the less fortunate at home and abroad, and provides for local educational and cultural programs of Jewish interest. The organization paid for Larsson's travel expenses.

Other sponsors include Marshall's Department of Religious Studies and the West



The Rev. Dr. Goran Larsson

Virginia Holocaust Education Commission.

Additional information is available by calling Mayer at 696-6440 or Natalie Schneiderman, a member of the Federated Jewish Charities of Huntington, at 525-9794.

## POLICE BLOTTER

# Police arrest man on multiple charges

by DIANE POTTORFF  
reporter

The following information was taken from Marshall University Police Department reports:

At 10:49 a.m. Saturday, an officer observed Randall Curtis Cain II, 27, walking down Third Avenue with an open container of beer.

The officer noticed Cain had a strong smell of alcohol and red, glassy eyes.

According to the report, Cain dropped a small bag of marijuana on the ground, tried to run from the officer and was caught near the Science Building.

He was arrested for public intoxication, fleeing from an officer, possession of a controlled substance and disorderly conduct.

He was transported to the Cabell County Jail.

**UNLAWFUL DRINKING UNDER THE AGE OF 21:** An arrest citation was issued Sunday to Matthew Jennings Freed, 19, for unlawful drinking under the age of 21.

An officer observed Freed staggering, hitting and kicking a bus stop shelter and pulling at a light pole around the 1800 block of College Avenue.

Freed admitted to being under the age of 21 and drinking beer.

## PUBLIC INTOXICATION:

An officer observed William K. Woodard, 49, staggering down Third Avenue at 6:50 p.m. March 31.

He admitted to drinking beer. A local check with the Huntington Police Department revealed a warrant on file.

According to the report, Woodard complained of his shoulder hurting and then became verbally abusive with the officer and the Marshall EMS personnel.

He was arrested for public intoxication, disorderly conduct and execution of a city warrant.

Woodard was transported to the Cabell County Jail.

**OUTSTANDING WARRANTS:** Anthony Sherrod, 21, was arrested March 30 in the 1800 block of Fifth Avenue for two outstanding state warrants for failing to appear in court on March 28 and 29.

**UNLAWFUL DRINKING UNDER THE AGE OF 21:** An officer observed West Virginia University student Joseph William Horvath walking across the Marshall Stadium parking lot with a pitcher of beer at 2:07 a.m. March 30.

Horvath admitted to being under 21 and drinking beer.

He was issued an arrest citation.

# Students return from expo with renewed dedication to feminism

by NICOLE L. JIVIDEN  
reporter

Marshall students who attended the Feminist Expo 2000 in Baltimore, Md., found themselves cheering "Viva feminists!" a lot this past weekend.

Twenty-five Marshall students went to the expo, said Dr. Amy E. Hudock, assistant professor of English and Marshall's coordinator of Women's Studies.

The conference offered more than 700 job opportunities for students, Hudock said.

Expo workshops included how to get campuses more involved in women's studies, abortion rights, culturally-induced illnesses and injuries, financial planning and protection against violence, Bethany Cooper, Delbarton junior, said.

There were more than 350 speakers, which included political feminists, entertainers, musicians, authors and activists. Betty Friedan, Gloria Steinem, Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, Tyne Daly and California Sen. Dianne Feinstein attended, Hudock said.

Africa, New Zealand, and

Afghanistan were just three of the 65 countries represented at the expo.

There were 143 campus delegates from colleges in the United States who attended the expo, Hudock said.

"The conference has helped students to realize they don't have to be afraid of the word 'feminism,' even though the media have portrayed feminism as dangerous and ugly," Hudock said.

"To be sitting in a room surrounded by 6,000 other women, all cheering 'Viva Feministas!' it made me feel that I was on the right path," Hudock said.

After the conference, students appeared to be more confident about feminism, said Dana M. Kinzy, Marietta, Ohio, senior and president of the Women's Studies Student Association.

"Everyone had a sense of vigor and commitment on the way back," Kinzy said.

Eight student delegates will speak April 17 at a panel discussion in the Memorial Student Center to discuss their experiences at the expo, Hudock said.

The next feminist expo is planned for the spring of 2004.

# Percussion extravaganza

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school students."

The guest artists include Emil Richards, Jerry Steinholtz and Joe Porcaro.

Richards has played on records for more than 1,000 artists and 2,000 films. He has toured with Frank Zappa, Beatle George Harrison, Stan Kenton and Frank Sinatra. His up-to-date work can be heard on the soundtrack to the Academy Award nominated film "The Sixth Sense."

Richards wrote an autobiographical book, "Emil Richards' World of Percussion." He also wrote a series of books, "Making Music in Mommy's Kitchen" and "Making Music Around the Home and Yard," for parents and teachers. Richards was inducted into the PAS Hall of Fame in 1994.

Steinholtz has performed live with Diana Ross, the Four Tops, Gladys Knight and the Pips, and the Carpenters. He is on the faculty of California State University-Northridge and the Los Angeles Music Academy.

Porcaro has worked with such artists as Madonna, Toto, Natalie Cole, Frank Sinatra and Luciano Pavarotti. He has performed on soundtracks for "Star Trek," "Mission Impossible," "Hawaii Five-0," "Highway to Heaven" and "The Simpsons."

His soundtrack work includes the films "Snow falling on Cedars" and Disney's animated feature "Dinosaurs." He is the drum studies co-director at Los

Angeles Music Academy.

"You may not be familiar with their names, but I am willing to bet that almost everyone has heard their work on albums, movie and TV soundtracks and commercial jingles," Miller said in a university media release.

Participants will have the opportunity to perform with guest artists at the closing concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Don Morris Room in the Memorial Student Center.

"That is going to be an exciting event for anyone who enjoys jazz and good music," Miller said.

"The opening act will be the MU Latin Jazz Ensemble and our three guest artists will each perform one tune with the group. The second half will be the three guest artists performing with Dr. Ed Bingham."

Bingham is the head of jazz studies at Marshall and teaches saxophone.

Phil Washington plays bass and teaches jazz ensemble and Jay Flippen teaches on the faculty of Morehead State University. They also will perform with guest artists, Miller said.

The event costs \$5 for PAS members and \$10 for non-members. That includes the concert.

Concert tickets are \$10. A discount for the concert will be given to anyone who brings two or more nonperishable food items. The food items will be donated to a Tri-state food bank.

Marshall students may attend all events free with their MUID.

# Stolen soccer equipment found

by DIANE POTTORFF  
reporter

Part of the soccer equipment that was taken from a shed on the Marshall practice field has been found.

Sgt. Angela Howell of the Marshall University Police Department said the soccer coach called the MUPD and said 10 soccer balls, valued at \$600, and one ball bag, valued at

\$100, had been found in a trash bin near the Stoned Monkey.

The equipment was taken during spring break.

Howell also said the ladders that were taken Feb. 9 from Morrow Library have been recovered, except for one 8-foot ladder.

Howell said the ladders were found in different locations of the library at different times.

Both cases are still under investigation.

# Life, times of Cass, W.Va.

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During the years following Alexander's first visit to Cass, his interest in the town never lessened, but his career prevented him from devoting more time to research.

Alexander put his project on hold while he continued working for Marshall, and served for 16 years as a member of the Huntington City Council and one term as mayor.

Then, in 1975, Alexander spent the summer in Cass interviewing past loggers and photographing them and the area.

He has continued researching the history of the town and the industry that once dominated it.

"The loggers may only be footnotes in history but they are part of Cass," Alexander said.

Following his presentation, Alexander recognized Dr. John and Elizabeth Drinko, who were in attendance. Dr. Drinko is a 1943 Marshall graduate and he and his wife have supported Marshall through the years.

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This concert is sponsored by the MU Student Chapter of the Percussive Arts Society with financial assistance from the MU Office of Multicultural Affairs, College of Fine Arts, Department of Music. For information contact the MU Department of Music: 304-696-3117.

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# Cadets get field experience

ROTC members to get hands-on training Friday

by CHRISTOPHER M. HAGY reporter

An advanced group of Marshall University ROTC members will be sent to the field Friday for their annual field training exercises (FTX). Training for the three-day field exercise, which takes place at Camp Arrowhead in Ona, will include a simulated air-borne drop, rappelling, night land navigation and platoon and squad assault maneuvers. Maneuvers are enhanced by the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES), Lt. Jamethon Honaker said.

MILES' sensors attach to soldiers' helmets and are worn on a

*"Some may not be able to handle it, but when you have a job to do, you don't let down the team."*

Bryan Atterson, Beckley freshman

harness over the shoulders. These sensors receive signals from lasers mounted on the barrel of attacking forces' weapons. Cadets will fire live blank rounds from a M16A2 rifle and a M249 SAW squad automatic weapon and they will get to use smoke and grenade simulators with the MILES gear, Honaker said.

Meals for cadets also will be adapted to the field environment. Meals Ready To Eat will be provided for all meals except Saturday eve-ning, when cadets will be treated to a hot dinner.

Despite weather reports of a

cool, wet weekend, participating cadets maintain a positive outlook.

"Some may not be able to handle it, but when you have a job to do, you don't let down the team," Bryan Atterson, Beckley freshman and noncontracted MS1 cadet, said.

"When you are cold and wet, you are miserable. During Ranger Challenge I wanted nothing more than to crawl into bed. But team motivation pushes you through the poor climate," he said.

Sonya Hurse, Huntington freshman and future MS1 cadet, said, "This is an opportunity for us to put into practice

what we've learned in lab. Training such as rappelling has helped me overcome my fear of heights."

Sean Scott, Huntington freshman and noncontracted MS1 cadet, said, "I want to get a feel for what the Army is actually like. I would like to be in the Army band. This is a way for me to get a start. The man's calling me."

Honaker said the cadets aren't getting as much practice this year as they had previously. "Initially this was planned to be a joint FTX with West Virginia State, which is what we did last year. Large numbers of participants from the two schools allow for force-on-force platoon drills," he said.

"Now, because they dropped out, for whatever reason, we are able to practice little more than ambush tactics on a four or five man patrol. This hurts the cadets at advanced camp, but all the small schools seem to suffer the same problem."

# Career Services Center mourns loss of employee

by COURTNEY L. BAILES reporter

The Campus Career Services Center is mourning the death of one of its employees.

Margaret Regina "Peggy" Brickey, 57, died Sunday at her home in Ona after a long battle with cancer.

Brickey worked for the Career Services Center as a career counselor and was in charge of the part-time, summer jobs and internships program since December 1996, said Sue Wright, director of the Career Services Center.

"Sometimes a special person comes along and she is the right person, at the right time," Wright said. "And she was that person for us. She took the part-time and summer jobs program to a new level.

"She was absolutely outstanding. She set a standard for everyone in the office."

Brickey helped more than 200 students find internships, part-time and summer jobs. The students she helped place into jobs earned almost \$2 million during Brickey's time at Marshall, Wright said.

"She was well liked by the employers she worked with

*"She was absolutely outstanding. She set a standard for everyone in the office."*

Sue Wright, Career Services Center director

and by her co-workers," Wright said.

Brickey had been on sick leave since August. According to her obituary in the April 3 edition of The Herald Dispatch, she is survived by her mother, Margaret Tuson Proctor of Huntington; daughter Lisa Brickey of Ona; son David Brickey of Beaumont, Texas; two sisters, Nancy C. Bobo of Cleveland, and Bettyann Green of Cleveland; two brothers, Robert J. Proctor Jr. of Rohnert Park, Calif., and Thomas Fred Proctor of Miami.

The funeral was Tuesday at the Wallace Funeral Home in Barboursville. Burial took place at White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

# Some say planets are conspiring to end the world

by MATTHEW FORDAHL The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Next month, the sun and six of the planets will line up like cosmic billiard balls in a configuration doomsdayers warn could shift the Earth's poles, trigger earthquakes, ruin the stock market and usher in the Age of Aquarius if anyone survives.

Astronomers are bracing for the May 5-16 alignment, too, but not out of fear their observations will crumble.

They will be busy debunking the end-of-the-world predictions, just as they did when the planets lined up in 1982, 1962 and about every 20 years before that. They will have to do it again in 2020, too.

"If people are determined to be anxious about something, I think it would be a lot better if they were anxious about their

driving on the freeways," said E.C. Krupp, director of the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles.

The alignment will involve the sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, and comes just when you thought it was safe to ditch those Y2K survival kits.

The May show won't even be visible because it will be obscured by the sun's glare. So if there is to be any earthly excitement, it will have to come from all those quakes, tidal waves and volcanoes.

Today, in a celestial preview, three planets — Mars, Jupiter and Saturn — will appear close in the sky as they march toward the grand alignment. The crescent moon will be crammed into the same area.

"It's very pretty," said Dennis Mammana, astronomer at San Diego's Reuben H. Fleet Science Center. "I think that's

the limit to the significance of this thing."

There's no risk of a collision: The moon is 239,000 miles away; Mars 216 million miles away; Jupiter 543 million miles away; and Saturn 927 million miles away.

Each one of these planetary alignments brings a new round of doomsday predictions.

A book called "The Jupiter Effect" received wide attention with its prediction that California would be rocked by a major earthquake indirectly caused by the 1982 alignment of the planets. It turned out to be all wrong.

Another book ominously titled "5/5/2000: Ice, The Ultimate Disaster" predicts the alignment and increased solar activity will unleash a complex chain of events causing the Earth's crust to slide and poles to shift.

"Quite frankly, it would be a geological Armageddon," said author Richard Noone. "You'd

have volcanism going on globally. Earthquakes beyond the scale anything Richter ever dreamed of. Tsunamis hundreds of feet high, sweeping hundreds of miles inland."

The 390-page book uses "pole shifting" to explain everything from the disappearance of the civilization that built the pyramids to why woolly mammoths appear to be flash-frozen in Siberia.

Noone has moved his family to safety in Georgia, but astronomers say he and everybody else have nothing to worry about because the extra pull and stretching from the aligned planets is a small fraction of the moon's tidal and gravitational strength.

"It's a shame that they have to fall into the traps of things like this," astrologer Norman Arens said. "The universe is a grand and wonderful place, and the fact that we can understand it and predict the way it behaves is a wonderful testament to our intelligence and our ingenuity."

# Judge grants annulment of TV marriage

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A judge annulled the made-for-TV marriage of millionaire Rick Rockwell and Darva Conger, who testified Wednesday she wasn't told about her groom's background before their on-air wedding.

Rockwell, 42, selected Conger from among 50 contestants on the Fox TV show "Who Wants to Marry a Multimillionaire." They married on the spot and left for a Caribbean honeymoon cruise.

Despite smash ratings, Fox canceled a rebroadcast of the show after it was disclosed that a former fiancée obtained a restraining order against Rockwell in 1991, saying he hit and threatened her. He denies the allegations.

"He was not honest and did not represent those restraining orders," Conger, 34, told Family Court Judge Steven E. Jones Wednesday.

Rockwell did not appear in court and no lawyer appeared for him. He could not be reached for comment.

Jones could have granted the annulment based simply on Conger's March 7 written request, but said he called the hearing because Conger entered into a "very legal wedding ceremony."

Outside court and once more a free woman, Conger said she never plans to talk to Rockwell again.

"I have to learn from this and move on," she said.

## MATH & ENGLISH CHALLENGE PLACEMENT EXAMS

### SCHEDULE FOR SPRING 2000

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## THEIR view

### Cheating isn't a good method

Northeastern News  
(Northeastern University)

(U-WIRE) BOSTON — As the pressures of the college workload mount throughout their five-year stay at Northeastern University, some students turn to cheating as an avenue to an easy 'A'. But in light of academic dishonesty recently uncovered in the College of Engineering, the old adage "Cheaters never win and winners never cheat" is once again proven true.

There should be no excuse for cheating at any level of schooling, especially college. Whenever the going gets tough, students should be able to rule out the cheating option. It causes more problems than solutions and doesn't benefit anyone in the long run. That apparently didn't dawn on some freshmen honor students whom judicial affairs concluded cheated in their engineering problem-solving class and others who apparently took a shortcut through a physics class.

The next time a student thinks about cheating, he or she should think of the negative results that can result.

You can be caught. Is the possibility of expulsion worth it?

Even if you're really a smart, honest student, one black mark usually puts you on the fringes of the academic community.

Instances of cheating have popped up all over the country. While we can't worry about how all students are judged, Northeastern students can be assured that, while not an Ivy League institution, NU has students who don't need to stoop to the low level of academic dishonesty.

It won't be easy. Temptation never is for students who are pressured by both peers and teachers. And in the future, with technology making that temptation even stronger, students will be pushed even harder to take the long road.

Stuck on that term paper? Just jump on the Internet and buy one, right? Need a quick boost with a project you had all quarter to work on, but waited until the last minute? Ask a past student for their paper or project, right? You could even work off past finals and exams that a teacher passes out year after year.

But by taking a shortcut instead of learning the material, you create a snowball effect that will hinder you for many years. Why would that boss even consider you for a promotion when he realizes you haven't learned the knowledge required?

And even if you never get caught, there's also the probability that you'll be caught red-in-the-face, unable to answer a simple question that you should have learned in a class you cheated your way through.

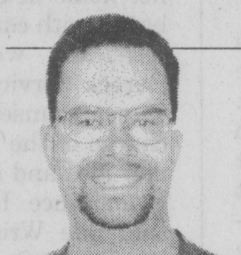
The short term of cheating is an easy A. The long-term pitfalls are a lack of sufficient knowledge which could plague you for years to come.

It's your choice. Just think about the future — beyond your next report card.

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## New crop of bands scare me



MARK BLEVINS  
columnist

N'Sync. The very name of the group tends to conjure images of fawning 15-year-old girls and songs so sweet they make you sick. OK, they make me sick, but I'm willing to bet there has to be others at Marshall University who feel the way I do about this new crop of singers. The past few years have seen bubblegum groups, such as N'Sync, virtually take over the music industry. These artists, and I use the term loosely, range from Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera to all those new boy groups such as the aforementioned N'Sync and the dreaded Backstreet Boys. N'Sync set a record the week it's latest record came out for the most records sold in a single day, according to Soundscan.

The Beatles, Elvis Presley, and many other great rock and rollers never sold records like that. I admit that some of these songs by these groups are catchy when heard on the radio, but how any-

one could stomach an entire cd's worth I don't know. A catchy, but forgettable tune is fine when something better like Dave Matthews or Tom Petty is coming up next, but an entire cd?

You can't escape these acts either. The marketing behind these bubblegum acts has ensured success on almost every station on your radio dial. These groups have dance music, ballads, and just about any other musical form you'd care to name. And someone is buying this stuff by the truckload.

The N'Sync cd sold over a million copies in a day. Marvin Gaye's classic "What's Going On" has been around for almost thirty years and it wasn't platinum last time I checked. And it still wouldn't match the sales of Britney Spears' first cd or that of the Backstreet Brats, I mean Boys. Both Spears and the Backstreet Boys have sold well over five million copies of their debut discs, and probably more to come.

At first I thought it was just teen-age girls who were buying the discs, but I have found that to be false. I was in the studios of WMUL during the Wet Wednesday show, which airs Wednesday mornings, when one of the hosts wanted to play the new N'Sync single. This is a bright college student, I

thought. Why would she want to listen to a boy band?

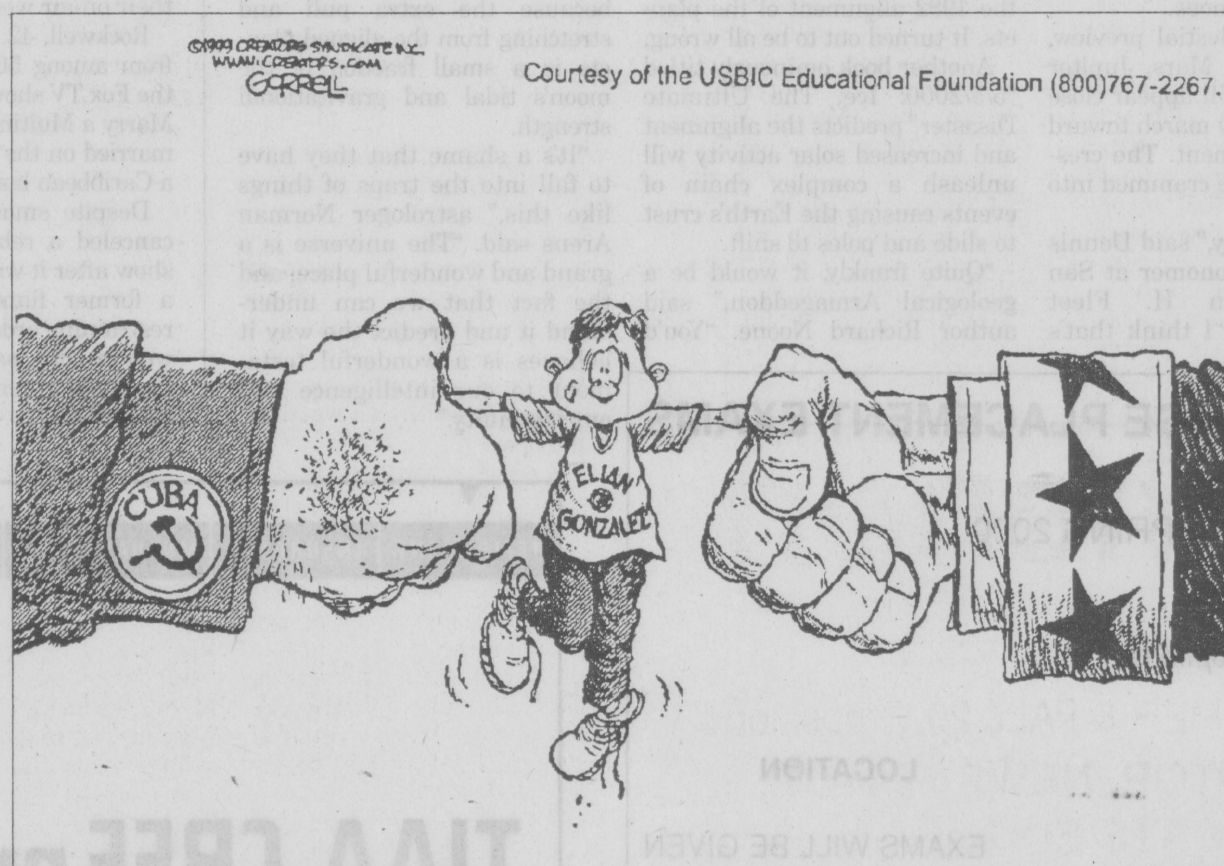
It turns out another host owns the Backstreet Boys cd. As a fan of Tom Petty, Led Zeppelin, and good old-fashioned rock and roll, I was scared. Could it be that slowly these new groups were going to overtake the musical landscape? I turned the question over in my mind back at my apartment later while my stereo played in the background. Then it happened.

One of the dreaded groups came on my radio. It must have been a new single, but because I can't tell N'Sync and the Backstreet

Boys apart I don't know which group it was. The worst part was that I actually, kind of liked the song. It had a nice rhythm and I suppose the lyrics made sense, but I didn't pay close attention.

Wow, I thought, maybe these groups do have some talent after all. Frightened at this thought, I quickly put on Tom Petty's "Echo" disc and quickly came back to my senses. N'Sync or the Backstreet Boys talented? That is a very scary thought.

Mark Blevins is a columnist for The Parthenon. Comments can be sent to him at 311 Smith Hall.



## Confessions of a boy band lover

by LINDA ROMANO  
The Dartmouth  
(Dartmouth College)

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — My name is Linda and I like boy bands.

Something tells me I should be ashamed of myself for admitting that.

I feel like some sort of social degenerate, as if I am the type of person who helps blind people only halfway across the street or something. But that little phrase actually represents a very big step in my journey towards self-awareness.

Just a year ago, I would not have been able to say that to myself, let alone put it in print. A year ago, if someone had asked me to listen to a Backstreet Boys or N'Sync CD, I would have said something snide like, "I only listen to music, thank you." But something happened to me last summer. All of a sudden, I Wanted It That Way. I didn't even know what That Way was, but I had to have It, whatever It was. And the only way for me to get It was to sneak into my younger sister's room when no one else was home.

Things got worse when I had to come back to school for Sophomore Summer. I had no idea of how I was going to get It while I was here.

I quickly began to wake up in the morning and want It. Then I missed It while I was at work or class. Soon, I couldn't follow people's conversations because all I could think about was when I could get it It next. Then, I started

mixing. I moved from It, to other variations of It. The low point was when my roommate walked in on me singing my heart out to It, and I still tried to deny how much I needed It. I was in a bad place.

Faced with such obvious evidence, I finally chose to embrace my character smudge. This clarity comes just in time, since ABC has just started airing a show called "Making the Band." The show is not any more complicated than its title implies; it tracks a boy band from start to finish. The large and rather unattractive man who was the force behind the Backstreet Boys and N'Sync decided that the world needs one more boy band. I think I speak for everyone when I say, "Damn right we do!"

Boy band fans, fear not. This is the show we haven't allowed ourselves to dream about. Not only do we get some more catchy music, but we also get the stories. We get to learn for ourselves who the quiet one is, and which guy is the fashion plate. We can watch them party, we can watch them sleep, we can even watch them battle the emotions of being miles away from their families and their girlfriends. Sigh.

Other than the show's addictive qualities, I realize that not only is the show pretty harmless, but the whole boy band craze itself doesn't pose much of a threat. So why does everyone hate boy bands? It seems to me that the boy bands aren't the problem — the people in them are nice enough and relatively humble — none of them have claimed to be bigger than Jesus or anything. Everyone I

know who ranks on these bands says something along the lines of "All of those bands are the same. What's so great about a bunch of guys dressing the same and singing the same kinds of music?"

But everyone forgets that this country thrives on living life according to already successful formulas. Millions of people, all dressed in some variation of a business suit, trek to work each morning and sit at their desks. But if I were to claim that most of them were extraneous, because, hey, who really needs that many paper-pushers, the corporate drones would be highly offended. Why the sudden objection to similarity?

There is also a wide spectrum of people who feel that music is only valid if it carries some sort of a message, which is another interesting point. I'm all for music with a message — but most of the "message"-carrying music that comes out these days is so self-indulgently filled with angst that it gets pretty tired. The bands that suddenly trudge through set after set of introspective musical meditations are, more often than not, labeled "talented."

What is so horrible about people who choose to sing music that dares to be a little fun? How uptight have we become if boy bands are suddenly the enemy?

I am not claiming that these groups will be around forever — I doubt that you'll see any 50-year-old Backstreet Boys hobbling around on stage at a reunion tour.

## Should there be total free speech on the Internet?

by LIAM KUHN  
The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College)

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — Whether you welcome it with open arms or cower underneath your desk in Unabomber-like apprehension of its magical, mysterious technology, there's no denying the influence the Internet has on today's society. Hailed as the "shiny new cotton-gin" for the 21st Century, the Internet's impact on the economy is already quite evident. Countless success stories from start-up company CEOs serve as daily reminders of what the American dream is all about — getting ridiculously rich while working at home in your underwear.

Today's Internet is capable of serving so many more useful functions and opening so many more doors of communication than even its inventor, Al Gore, could have imagined. People can now shop online, pay bills online, send mail, chat, check sports scores or stock quotes from around the world, and even listen to the radio or watch "real-time" television — without ever leaving their house. In fact, some high-ranking computer industry insiders (read: colossal nerds) estimate that by the year 2010, actual face-to-face human contact will become out-dated and obsolete.

By now you're probably thinking: "No more human contact! Great, sign me up!" But slow down there, tiger. The Internet isn't all milk and honey. In fact, this fiber-optic metropolis is teeming with its very own red-light district. As useful a weapon as the Internet can be in the battle to never have to leave your room, it is not without its serious flaws and pitfalls. As more and more children access the Internet, the debate escalates as to how to limit their access to adult-themed Web sites.

The first attempt to keep kids away from pornography and violence-laden Web sites was to keep children away from computers altogether. This method proved ineffective when it was discovered that most parents couldn't even plug in their computer without the help of their children. Eventually, software companies developed programs that could monitor or keep track of the Web sites visited by a particular user. That way, if a child went to a Web site that his parents didn't approve of, the parents would be able to find out about it and discuss the situation calmly and rationally with their child. This method seemed to satisfy everyone except the government.

Throughout the history of time, there have been groups of people who take it upon themselves to assume the role of parent to people who are not their children. The Dartmouth College Board of Trustees is one such group. The United States government is, at times, another.

By installing E-chips or other programs that filter or restrict access to Web sites based on the morality of their content, the government is overstepping its duties and intruding on our most sacred right. The freedom to choose means the freedom to be wrong, morally or otherwise. If I had a kid, would I want him spending his time on some lewd pornographic Web site? Of course not. If I were a Web master and I devoted my site to pirated MP3s, racist propaganda, anarchistic militia tactics, and movie clippings of a naked 20 year old celebrity and a German shepherd getting to know each other better, would I be any less of a person? Probably. Should children not be allowed to access my site? Should I be stopped? Yes.

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## Herd halts Raiders

Marshall allows only 1 run, 4 hits in victories over Wright State

by **MICHELLE JAMES**  
reporter

Marshall softball player Natasha Johnson says she doesn't know why the Thundering Herd has suddenly come around offensively, but she hopes the hits keep coming.

"I don't know why we're hitting so good," Johnson, a junior from Chesterfield, Va., said after Marshall's home victories over Wright State on Wednesday. "I like it though and I just hope it stays. I'm excited about it."

Johnson was excited after the Thundering Herd (14-19 overall and 2-1 in the Mid-American Conference) pounded out 18 hits in its two wins over the Raiders.

Marshall took the first game 6-0 and held off Wright State (21-10) in the second game to win 3-1 before a crowd of 56 at Dot Hicks Field.

"I was pleased that our sticks came alive and we got some runs," Marshall Coach Shonda Stanton said.

"Our goal going into today was execution at the plate and making our sticks come alive."

After struggling with offensive output in early in the season, the Thundering Herd's bats seem to have come alive in the past week, helping the team win five of its last seven games.

The majority of Marshall's offense came from the bottom half of the lineup in the first game, but it was the top half that sparked the team in the second game.



photo by Tom Blair

Natasha Johnson gets one of Marshall's 18 hits Wednesday in its doubleheader with Wright State. The Thundering Herd won the first game 6-0 and won the second game 3-1.

Stanton says she thinks that is a good sign for the remainder of the season.

"Everyone stepped up offensively top to bottom," she said. "That shows that we don't have to rely on any one person to make a big hit and that anyone is capable of a big hit. As a coach, I feel that we can score some runs anywhere in the lineup."

Third baseman Vanessa Clarkson says the team's recent success provides more confidence

entering its upcoming games.

"Defense and pitching have been solid but we were struggling with offense," said Clarkson, a sophomore from Moreno Valley, Calif. "We have all three now and we know we can come out and beat the teams we have to beat."

"As a team we know we can beat anyone as long as we have all three elements."

Marshall travels to play conference foe Central Michigan at 3 p.m. Friday.

## In sports...

### Tennis

Marshall's Ana Ceretto was named the Mid-American Conference's Tennis Player of the Week.

Ceretto, a junior from Rosario, Argentina, helped the Thundering Herd improve its MAC record to a league-best 4-0 by defeating preseason favorite Western Michigan (4-3) and Northern Illinois (6-1).

Ceretto recorded 6-0, 4-6 and 6-4 wins over Western Michigan's Cyra Malik at No. 3 singles, marking Marshall's first win over the Broncos.

She also teamed with Anna Mitina in a 9-7 doubles win against Larissa Chinwah and Nikki Thompson. Ceretto is 13-3 in doubles this season

and 4-0 in singles and 3-1 in doubles in MAC play.

The Thundering Herd, which is ranked first in the MAC, plays host to Akron at 1 p.m. Friday and Buffalo at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Marshall University Tennis Courts. Saturday is Senior Day.

### Golf

Thundering Herd golfer Sam O'Dell was named the MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week on Wednesday.

O'Dell, a senior biology major with a 3.44 grade point average, won the University of Kentucky's Johnny Owens Invitational golf tournament and shot rounds of 70, 70 and 71 for a five-under-par total of 211.

He finished with a three-stroke advantage over second-place finisher Chris Campbell of Louisville.

The Thundering Herd squad finished third in the 16-team tournament.

### Donations

Marshall Golf Coach Joe Feaganes announced Wednesday that the West Virginia Professional Golf Association donated \$3,000 in support of Marshall's golf program.

The West Virginia PGA, which contributes annually to all state collegiate golf programs, has made a total contribution of \$18,000 to the university in the past five years.

## Golf team preparing to play host to 20-team tournament

by **KIRK D. LIGHTNER**  
reporter

Marshall golfers enter this weekend's 31st annual Marshall Invitational Golf Tournament feeling pretty confident.

The tournament will be played Friday and Saturday, as 20 of the region's finest golf programs will compete at the Guyan Golf and Country Club.

"We are excited, as always, to host this outstanding group of college golf teams," Marshall Coach Joe Feaganes said in a news release.

"Guyan is in tremendous condition and hopefully the weather will cooperate."

The coach is not the only person excited about this weekend.

"This weekend is key for us," senior Sam O'Dell said.

"We are coming into this tournament feeling good and we are looking to win."

Solid play this past weekend at the University of Kentucky's Johnny Owens Invitational has the Herd feeling pretty good about its chances.

The Thundering Herd finished second in the Johnny Owens tournament and O'Dell captured his first collegiate individual title. He finished with a five-under par total of 211.



O'Dell

"I hit the ball great," O'Dell said. "I didn't putt as well as I'd like but overall I can't complain."

The Hurricane senior had rounds of 70, 70, and 71 to hold off a late charge from

Louisville's Chris Campbell, who shot a final-round 67 to finish three strokes behind O'Dell.

Prior to the Johnny Owens Invitational, O'Dell's previous best collegiate finishes were fourth-place finishes at Kent's King Cobra Intercollegiate in 1999 and at the Johnny Owens Invitational in 1997.

The Thundering Herd finished second behind Louisville. Marshall had a one-stroke lead after the first round, but it could not hold off the Cardinals, who won by six strokes.

A.J. Riley had rounds of 76-72-74 to finish 13th, Aaron Williams had rounds of 72-78-77 to finish 32nd, Jimmy McKenzie had rounds of 78-77-73 to finish 39th and Roberto Falcone had rounds of 82-72-78 to finish 61st.

The Thundering Herd also captured the William and Mary/Kingsmill Invitational Championship in March.

"We need a strong finish to have a chance to make the top six teams that advance to the district tournament," O'Dell said.

"We are playing well as a team and I think we are due for a good showing at our own tournament," he continued. "Everyone feels comfortable playing at home, so we'll see what happens."

Among the participants this week are 15-time winner Ohio State, Cincinnati, Eastern Kentucky and Eastern Michigan.

Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky and Louisville also will compete, as will Miami, Michigan, Michigan State, Northern Illinois and Notre Dame.

Ohio, Toledo, Western Kentucky, Wisconsin and Xavier also are in the tournament.

Feaganes says he wants fans to support his team.

"This tournament is an excellent opportunity for fans to see many of the top collegiate teams and players in our region," he said.

The first round of the tournament is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. Friday. The second round will follow later that afternoon.

The tournament will conclude with the third and final round Saturday, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

## First winner of Daytona 500 dies at age 87

by **ESTES THOMPSON**  
The Associated Press

**LEVEL CROSS, N.C.** — Lee Petty, winner of the first Daytona 500 and patriarch of one of stock car racing's royal families, died Wednesday at 86.

He died at Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro several weeks after surgery for a stomach aneurysm.

Petty was the father of Winston Cup great Richard Petty, grandfather of Kyle Petty and great-grandfather of Adam Petty, who made his Winston Cup debut last weekend in Texas.

Lee Petty was one of the princes of racing during the stock car circuit's infancy in the 1940s and 1950s.

"There wasn't any better driver than Lee Petty in his day," Junior Johnson, another early stock car star, said Wednesday. "There might have been more colorful drivers, but when it came down to winning the race, he had as much as anyone I've ever seen."

Beginning with an eight-race schedule in 1949 — the same year he founded what became Petty Enterprises — he went on to win 55 races. He was a three-time champion on what now is the Winston Cup circuit. He won the inaugural Daytona 500 in 1959, driving a 1959 Oldsmobile '88 bearing his trademark No. 42.

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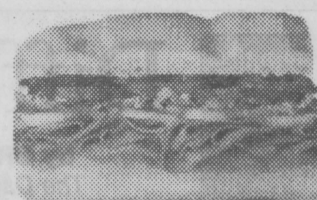
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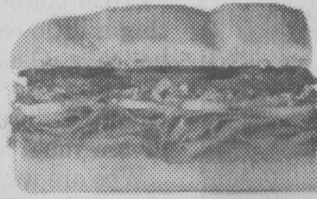
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## WISH YOU WERE HERE?



### From Utah to Ohio, campus club travels for its outdoor activities

by ROBYN JUSTICE  
reporter

The Outdoor Adventure Club, a student organization on campus, is a group of students who use their free time to take advantage of the outdoors.

Outdoor Adventure Club President Whit Pennington, an Aiken, S.C., graduate student, helped found the club. Pennington says he wants the club to show people the wonderful things around them.

"West Virginia is full of adventures," he said. "This is just a way to see more and enjoy West Virginia more."

The group plans activities for the outdoors for members to participate in. The members take weekend trips a couple of times a month, and plan at least one or two larger trips for the semester, Pennington said.

Activities include camping, hiking, backpacking, mountain biking, skiing, as well as rock climbing, rappelling and white-water rafting.

The group also schedules their biggest trip at the end of the school year in the summer. Last year, six members of the outdoor adventure club went to Capitol Reef, Utah.

The students went backpacking at Capitol Reef for about 10 days and stopped to visit the Grand Canyon on the way home.

Members like to use their longer yearly trip to travel to places where the environment is different from this region, said Outdoor Adventure Club Vice President Elizabeth Hunter, a Beckley freshman.

This summer, members plan to travel to the coast of Georgia

to go kayaking, Hunter said.

The trip is focusing around kayaking near several islands off the coast of Georgia, where members will hike, camp and fish.

The group also discussed a trip to Maine, Vermont or the Everglades before deciding on the Georgia coast, Hunter said.

Members are also planning a trip to the Red River Gorge in Kentucky for the weekend of April 21-23, Hunter said. Members plan to hike, rock climb, and rappel during the trip.

Activities and trips are decided on by the members of the groups by suggestions, Pennington said.

The leaders of the club say they encourage members to make suggestions for trips and activities. After the activities are discussed and voted on, sign-up and planning begins. The club works to find the best travel packages and deals to help keep costs down.

"We try to give leadership to members," Hunter said.

Membership fees for the club is \$10 per semester. The money goes toward various fees associated with trips, Pennington said.

The club allows students to go on one trip before paying dues to help students see if they want to join the club. This "trial membership" allows students to measure their amount of interest in the club and its activities.

The club hopes to bring together people with similar interests, said Outdoor Adventure Club Treasurer Sara Dillion, a Wayne senior.

"It's difficult to meet people with the same interests in the outdoors," Dillion said. "You

don't meet many people hiking.

"It's a good way to meet people to rock climb and mountain bike with that you normally wouldn't meet on campus."

Hunter agreed.

"It's good to meet people with the same interests," she said. "I enjoy learning from these people, and I'm hoping they learn from me."

"The only way you learn about the outdoors is by other people's knowledge."

The club has traveled to Lake Vesuvius in Ohio several times in the past two semesters. This is one of the favorite spots of the club because of the location and the interest in rock climbing by this year's members.

Lack of experience should not keep anyone from joining the club, Pennington said. The club is intended to let people relax and have fun.

"This group is for anybody," Pennington said. "Most people who join have no experience. All you need to join is a good smile and a willingness to try something new."

The club also encourages students to branch out, Hunter said. The club can assist individual members in planning and preparing them for trips separate from the rest of the club. Maps and information are provided to members who plan individual trips.

The openness of the outdoors helps to relieve stress, he said.

"I like getting away from the stress of school," Pennington said. "I like going someplace with wide open spaces."

Sarah Maxwell, a Morgantown freshman, participated in the Outdoor Adventure Club in the



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Outdoor Adventure Club treasurer and Wayne senior Sara Dillion rock climbs at Lake Vesuvius in Ohio, a spot the members of the campus club visit several times per semester.

fall. Maxwell said the club helped her relax away from school.

"It's great to get away from school and sit around with friends in the woods," she said.

Meetings for the Outdoor Adventure Club are Thursdays at 4 p.m. in Memorial Student Center 2W37. Members encourage students to attend.

## Happenings...

### On Campus

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2000

University Christian Fellowship, meeting, CCC, 7 p.m. Contact: Mark Mills 696-3057.

Campus Crusade for Christ, meeting, Marco's, 9:11 p.m. Contact: prime-time@mulife.org.

Huntington Jaycees, game night, Veterans Memorial Field House, 7:30 p.m. Contact: Milana Bannon 528-2004.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 2000

Habitat for Humanity, meeting, CCC, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2000

Newman Center, mass, Newman Center, 10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Contact: Bill Petro 525-4618.

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2000

Baptist Student Union, meeting, CCC, 9:09 p.m. Contact: Keith McKim 696-3051.

TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2000

American Society of Safety Engineers, meeting, Safety Office, 3 p.m. Contact: 696-4664.

Student Activities Programming Board, meeting, MSC 2W37, 3:15 p.m. Contact: 696-2290.

Student Government Association, meeting, MSC 2W29B, 4 p.m. Contact: 696-6435.

Residence Services, Swing Dancing, Twin Towers West, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2000

Baptist Campus Ministry, meeting, Campus Christian Center, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Jerry Losh 696-3053.

SOAR, meeting, Erickson Alumni Center, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Bob Dorado 696-6633.

Lambda Society, meeting, MSC Alumni Lounge, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Raymie White 696-6623.

Residence Services, Four Year Plan: Graduating on Time, Hodges Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

Residence Services, Studying Abroad, Buskirk Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

Department of Criminal Justice, What's It Like? Series, Alumni Lounge, 3:30 - 5 p.m. Contact: [a, Bowen 696-5421.

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Oasis recently released "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants."

## Different record, same Oasis

by BRIAN LEE  
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(U-WIRE) STORRS, Conn. — Noel Gallagher may be getting a little carried away when he calls Oasis' latest album, "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants," "probably the best album you'll hear this year."

Who are we kidding. He's getting a lot carried away. But Oasis wouldn't be Oasis without grand aspirations, bloated egos and turmoil between brothers Liam and Noel Gallagher.

Though the Gallaghers have settled down, had children and kicked their drug habits, the Oasis on "Standing on the Shoulders of Giants" is essen-

tially the same as the Oasis from "The Masterplan" and "Be Here Now."

The sound and the beats are a little bigger, but the band isn't a whole lot better.

When you get past the attitude problems and break Oasis down to basics, it's obvious that Noel Gallagher is an amazing melodic songwriter.

But it's not the heart of the band's music that's ever been a problem.

What Oasis lacks, it seems, is soul. The band too often gets caught up in being the biggest and the best — which perhaps one day it will be — and buries what could be some of the most beautiful songs of the year under layers of dense sound

and dance beats.

"Standing on the Shoulders of Giants" is best at its midpoint. The eerie opening of "Gas Panic!" leads nicely into "Where Did It All Go Wrong?" and "Sunday Morning Call."

The album's first single, "Go Let It Out," also showcases Noel Gallagher's penchant for layering acoustic and electric guitars into a cohesive whole.

But for every moment that the band soars, Oasis also manages to annoy. Whether it's the scratchy, uneven opening of "Who Feels Love?" or the nauseating repetition of "Put Yer Money Where Yer Mouth Is," the band has trouble sustaining an appealing vibe throughout the entire album.